(b) the proposed measures to deal with the long queues and rush at the airport entrance and immigration counters that cause troubles to domestic as well as international passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Following steps have been taken to facilitate passengers and avoid rush and long queues during the ongoing upgradation and modernization works at the terminals of IGI airport:

(i) Space for passenger movement and smooth operation has been increased by relocating Airline Offices outside the International Terminal building.

(ii) Modernisation activities have been rescheduled to implement them in a phased manner to minimise inconvenience to passengers.

(iii) New flight information display boards have been installed to facilitate passengers.

(iv) An agency has been deployed at the international terminal to guide the passengers to respective check-in counters.

(v) Security check gates have been increased from 8 to 14. Number of immigration counters on the departure side is being increased from 28 to 44 and further to 52. On arrival side, the immigration counters are being increased from 28 to 48.

(vi) Hand-baggage x-ray machines at international terminal have been increased from 8 to 12 which would further go upto 16 by June, 2008. The check-in counters would increase from 78 to 100 by June, 2008.

Training of pilots

2340. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Civil Aviation Training Colleges in India in Public Sector and Private Sector and the total number of persons passing out every year;

(b) to what extent these institutions could meet the demand of the country;

(c) whether there is a move from MITRE Corporation of America to assist the Civil Aviation Training Colleges in imparting World Class Training;

(d) if so, the outcome of the proposal; and

(e) whether there would be a plan to establish a similar organization in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) At present there are 43 flying clubs out of which 28 are in Public Sector and 15 in Private Sector. The total intake capacity of these flying clubs is around 950 trainees. Approximately 400 licences have been issued to Indian students coming out of these flying clubs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

FDI in Aviation Sector

2341. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: